

Good afternoon Madam Chair and Committee Members;

My name is Teresa Dennis spelt T.E.R.E.S.A D.E.N.N.I.S

I am here today to discuss how my husband was denied parole. He had no restrictions or requirements during his incarceration before his parole hearing and attended classes and treatment while in M.S.P. which means he should've been paroled. I have 4 younger children that still live at home and they need their father home, as do I. Prior to my husband being arrested, he and I both had great careers. He has a college degree and was working as an Aviation Mechanic and I was getting recertified as a Wildfire fighter. We had earned enough funds to buy our beautiful home, pay for our health care, along with clothe and feed the family. Unfortunately this all ended when my husband was arrested and sentenced to M.S.P. for a crime that occurred in 2005. He was eligible for parole and went before the board on the 27th of June this year but he was denied. Now we are stuck using public assistance for health coverage and food and we are looking at foreclosure on our home. My husband was evaluated by his case manager at M.S.P. and was considered to be a low risk because he doesn't use drugs or alcohol, and hasn't been a serious threat to the community. This interim committee is here to review and make changes to the laws when they don't work in the best interest of the community, which my husband has never been a danger too. I feel that the present Parole Board keeps inmates in the prison as "cash cows" and grow the prison's business.

Thank you.